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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the

BRECKNOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Madam Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the Public Health in the Brecknock Rural District during the year 1969.

In this Report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and I have included comments on the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/70 (Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health. Also the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Public Health Department.

I am,

Madam Chairman and Members,

Your Obedient Servant,

J.K.JONES,

L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H., F.R.S.H.

HEALTH AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meets Bi-Monthly

Chairman : Councillor A.C.Stephens.

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

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Foods.

Clerk : Mrs L.Hicks.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of District	189,532 acres
Population(estimated) Mid 1969	...	...	6,930
Population per acre	...	...	27.3
Rateable Value as at 1st April 1969	...	...	£205,294
Number of Live Births	...	...	87
Birth Rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude	...	...	12.6
Number of Stillbirths	...	...	2
Stillbirth rate per 1000 total births	...	...	22.0
Number of Deaths	...	....	83
Death rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude	...	...	12.0
Number of Infant Deaths under 1 year	...	...	0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	...	...	0
Perinatal Mortality Rate	...	...	22.0
Number of Infectious Diseases notified	...	...	41
Infectious Diseases - Attack rate per 1000 Inhabitants			5.9

Tuberculosis : -

Cases notified	...	...	0
Attack rate per 1000 inhabitants	...	...	0
Deaths	...	...	1
Death rate per 1000inhabitants	...	...	0.14

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Population :

Census 1931	....	8302
Census 1951	....	7430
Census 1961	....	8696
Mid year estimate 1969		6930

The Registrar General's mid-year estimated population for each of the last ten years are shown below : -

<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
7380	7920	6960	6950	6970	7010	6980	6930	6950	6930

Acreage	...	....	...	189,532 acres
Rateable value as at 1st April 1969			...	£205,294
Product of a penny rate : Actual	1968/69	...		£314.17.11d
	1969/70	...		809. 5 .5d
Rate in the pound :	1968/69	...		14 .4d
	1969/70	...		14 .3d

Water Rate : 2/- in the pound with a minimum of £1.10.0 p.a.

Total number of domestic dwellings : ... 2,349

Number of Council Houses in the Domestic Dwelling figure : 393

BIRTHS

BIRTHS	Brecknock RDC			B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Live Births : Legitimate	39	44	83	680	
Live Births: Illegitimate	3	1	4	35	
Total Live Births	42	45	87	715	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births			5.0	4.9	
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			1.25	1.11	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop.(crude)			12.6	13.0	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop.(corr.)			<u>15.8</u>	<u>14.4</u>	<u>16.3</u>
Stillbirths - Legitimate	2	0	2	9	
Stillbirths - Illegitimate	0	0	0	1	
Total : Stillbirths	2	0	2	10	
Stillbirth rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths			22.0	14.0	13.0
Total Live and Stillbirths			89	725	

The corrected Live Birth rate of 15.8 is below the National average of 16.3 per 1000 population but well above the local Death rate of 10.8 per 1000 population.

The Stillbirth rate of 22.0 was well above the National rate of 13.0 per 1000 total births.

Corrected Live Birth rates for the past five years are shown below: -

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Brecknock R.D.C.	18.5	20.3	20.6	14.2	15.8
National Average	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3

DEATHS

DEATHS	Brecknock RDC B.C.C.				National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Total Deaths (all causes)	49	34	83	764	
Death Rate per 1000 Pop.(crude)			12.0	13.9	
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			0.90	0.91	
Death Rate per 1000 Pop.(corr)			<u>10.8</u>	<u>12.6</u>	<u>11.9</u>
<u>CANCER DEATHS</u>					
Cancer Deaths(all forms)	9	7	16	111	
Cancer Death rates per 1000 Pop.			2.31	2.02	
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u>					
Maternal Deaths (incl: Abortion)			Nil	Nil	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths			Nil	Nil	

The corrected Local Death Rate of 10.8 was below the National average of 11.9 per 1000 population and well below the Local Birth rate of 15.8 per 1000 population.

The corrected Death rates for the past five years are shown below: -

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Brecknock R.D.C.	10.3	10.0	9.4	9.8	10.8
National Average	11.5	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.9

DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS

There were 16 Cancer deaths giving a rate per 100,000 population of 231 as compared with the County rate of 202.

The rates by specific site are shown below : -

SITE	Rate per 100,000 Population Brecknock RDC	National Average 1969
Lungs, Bronchus	86	39
Stomach	28	27
Intestine	14	19
Oesophagus	28	6
Breast	14	40
Uterus	0	16
Prostate	14	17
Leukaemia	0	6
All other Malignant Neoplasms	43	0

The Death rate for Cancer of the Lung were over double the National average for 1966 and that for Cancer of the Oesphagus over four times the National rate.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from Maternal causes, including abortions.

INFANT MORTALITY

DEATHS	Brecknock RDC			B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Deaths of Infants under 1 yr of age					
-Legitimate :	0	0	0	15	
-Illegitimate:	0	0	0	1	
Total:	0	0	0	16	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000					
Live Births (total)			0	<u>22.4</u>	<u>18.0</u>
Legitimate			0	21.0	
Illegitimate			0	1.4	
<u>NEONATAL MORTALITY</u>					
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :					
Legitimate	0	0	0	9	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	0	9	
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000					
Live Births			0	<u>12.7</u>	<u>12.0</u>
<u>EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY</u>					
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age :					
Legitimate	0	0	0	8	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	
Total			0	8	
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			0	<u>11.2</u>	<u>10.0</u>
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>					
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age plus number of Stillbirths					
Rate per 1000 Total Live and Stillbirths			<u>22.0</u>	<u>24.8</u>	<u>23.0</u>

There were no Infant Deaths during 1969.

There were two Stillbirths during the year. The perinatal Mortality rate was 22.0 as compared with the County Rate of 24.8 and the National rate of 23.0.

CAUSES OF STILLBIRTHS

- 1) Intr Partum Anoxia - Rhesus Incompatability.
- 2) Intra Uterine Death, Hydrocephalic - Toxaemia.

The Infant Mortality Rates and Perinatal Mortality Rates for the past five years are shown below, and compared with the National average : -

Infant Mortality : -

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Brecknock RDC	0	8.5	18.0	0	0
National Average	19.0	19.0	18.3	18.0	18.0

Perinatal Mortality

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1968</u>
Brecknock RDC	18.9	33.9	26.0	24.7	22.0
National Average	26.9	26.3	25.4	25.0	23.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	1	2
" " Stomach	1	1	2
" " Intestine	0	1	1
" " Lung, Bronchus	4	2	6
" " Breast	0	1	1
" " Prostate	1	0	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	1	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	0	2
Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	16	10	22
Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	3	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	4	6	10
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	1	4
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Bronchitis & Emphysema	5	1	6
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	0	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	0	2	2
Nephritis & Nephrosis	1	0	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	0	1
All other accidents	1	0	1
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Total all causes :	49	34	83

The main causes of death are shown below and the death rates compared with the National Average for 1966.

CRUDE DEATH RATES PER 100,000 FROM CERTAIN CAUSES

	Brecknock	R.D.C.	National Average 1966
Ischaemic Heart Disease.	375		235
Malignant Neoplasms	231		225
Cerebro Vascular Disease	144		164
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	144		70
Hypertensive Disease	43		17

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN SEX-AGE GROUPS

Ages at Death	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of total
0 - 1 year	0	0	0	0
1 - 4 years	0	0	0	0
5 - 14 years	0	0	0	0
15- 24 years	0	0	0	0
25- 34 years	2	0	2	2.4
35- 44 years	0	0	0	0
45- 54 years	1	1	2	2.4
55- 64 years	12	9	21	25.3
65- 74 years	11	5	16	19.3
75 years and over	23	19	42	50.6
Totals :	49	34	83	100.0

70% of the deaths occurred at age 65 years and over.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATIONS

The following cases other than Tuberculosis were notified during 1969 : -

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Measles	34
Dysentery	4
Typhoid	1
Paratyphoid	1
Food Poisoning	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases on Register at 1st January 1969	12
New Notifications during 1969	0
Removals during 1969	3
Cases on Register at 31st December 1969	9

PUBLIC HEALTH(PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS)REGS

No action was taken under these Regulations in respect of persons suffering from Tuberculosis, employed in the Milk Trade.

B.C.G. VACCINATION AND TUBERCULIN SERIAL TESTING OF CHILDREN

This is carried out by the Medical Staff of the County Health Dept.,

FOOD POISONING

There was one case of Food Poisoning notified during the year in a Canteen Worker and due to Salmonella Typhimurium.

DYSENTERY

There were 4 cases of Dysentery notified during the year, all in one family and due to sh. sonnei.

TYPHOID AND PARATYPHOID

One case of Typhoid and one case of Paratyphoid were notified during 1969.

Typhoid

A 23 year old School teacher contracted Typhoid fever during a holiday bus-tour of Morocco, N.Africa and was isolated and treated at home. All contacts were kept under surveillance but there was no local spread of the disease.

Paratyphoid

A 17 year old man contracted Paratyphoid after eating Sausage Rolls- Para B was isolated. There was no spread of the disease.

VENEREAL DISEASES

There were no cases notified during the year.

The County Council has an agreement with the Regional Hospital Board for the treatment of these cases. There are no treatment centres in the area and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford County Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, and Moira Terrace, Cardiff. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, S.47

No action was taken by the Council under S.47 of the above Act which provides for the removal to suitable premises of persons who : -

- (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease, or, being aged, or physically incapacitated, or living in insanitary conditions, and
- (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Officers

Mr. William J. Rees remained as the Chief Public Health Inspector, and Mr. A. Taylor as the Public Health Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year facilities were available at the Public Health Laboratories at Carmarthen, Newport, Swansea, Carmarthen and Aberystwyth.

Water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratories at Cardiff and Carmarthen, as were all Milk samples.

Any investigations required in the control of infectious diseases were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory in Cardiff.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.

HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council are responsible for the following services in the Area.

1. Provision of Health Centres.
2. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
3. Midwifery Services.
4. Health Visiting and Health Education.
5. Home Nursing.
6. Vaccination and Immunisation.
7. Ambulance and Sitting Car Service.
8. Prevention and Illness, Care and After-Care.
9. Domestic Health Service.

The following Clinics are held in the area : -

Child Welfare Clinics.

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Measles.

Relaxation Clinics for Expectant Mothers.

Dental Clinics for Expectant Mothers and Children.

Supply of Welfare Foods.

Orthopaedic Clinics

Chiropody Clinics

Cervical Cytology Clinics.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Psychiatric Social Worker.

Miss Gwen Morgan remained as the Psychiatric Social Worker for the Area.

Mental Welfare Officer.

Mr. K.H.A. Phillips was appointed as the Mental Welfare Officer for the area.

SOCIAL SERVICES.

The County Council is responsible for the following services in the Area : -

1. Provision of Homes for the Aged.
2. Provision of Temporary Accommodation.
3. Registration and Provision of Services for Handicapped Persons.
4. Contributions to Old People's Organisations.
5. Temporary Protection of Property.
6. Meals on Wheels Service.
7. Provision of Grants towards Special Housing for the Elderly.
8. Welfare of the Blind and Partially -Sighted.
9. Welfare for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

HOSPITALS

Hospital facilities are available at the Brecon War Memorial Hospital and the Cardiff and Swansea Hospitals.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, HOSPITAL

Cases are admitted to the Mardy Isolation Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and the Hill House Hospital, Swansea.

SMALLPOX HOSPITALS

Arrangements have been made for Smallpox cases to be admitted to Penrhys Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases.

On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for Penrhys Hospital to be ready and staffed to receive the patient. The patient will be removed by County Council under their Ambulance scheme made under S.27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supplies.

The water in the district is supplied by the South East Breconshire Water Board. In addition, a small number of premises receive piped supplies from private sources.

No extensions or renewal of distribution mains were necessary in the area. Extensions of service mains were carried out on Housing Estates to provide for further development.

On the 31st December 1969, it was estimated that, of the estimated population of 6,930, 83% were receiving a piped supply from the South-East Breconshire Water Board and 10% from private sources of supply giving a total of 93% of the dwellings in the district receiving a piped supply.

When consideration is given to the scattered nature of the district and its altitude in certain parts, the figure of 93% can be described as being very satisfactory.

Sampling.

Samples of water are taken from private supplies by the Authority prior to the installation of private piped supplies, inspections are made, and advice given on remedial measures necessary for the improvement of these supplies.

Number of inspections made	....	33
Number of satisfactory samples taken ..		6
Number of unsatisfactory samples taken.		17
Number of doubtful samples taken		10

Routine sampling for chemical analysis is carried out by the South East Breconshire Water Board at their treatment Works at Portis and chlorine samples are taken daily.

Samples of Water taken at the Portis Treatment Works show that there is no significant long term plumbo solvent action in the water supply.

Fluoride Content

The Board's supply is not subjected to flouridation. Samples of water taken for examination for the presence of flouride parts at the Portis Treatment Works indicate that the natural content is 0.036 parts per million.

Although the Breconshire County Council have entered into an agreement with the South East Breconshire Water Board in order that they introduce flouride into the water, the Authority has asked that the agreement be not implemented.

METEOROLOGY

The following data concerning meteorology for 1968(with comparative figures for the previous year) has been kindly supplied by the Usk River Authority and was recorded at the Brecon Beacons Mountain Centre.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Year 1968</u> <u>Rainfall(ins)</u>	<u>Year 1969</u> <u>Rainfall(ins)</u>
January	5.26	7.55
February	2.09	3.30
March	7.65	3.20
April	2.73	2.95
May	3.38	5.34
June	4.68	3.14
July	4.05	3.18
August	3.03	5.52
September	7.53	2.62
October	6.79	0.97
November	4.26	5.83
December	<u>5.02</u>	<u>6.08</u>
	<u>56.47</u>	<u>49.68</u>

Wet Period (cons cutive number of wet days)

"Wet days" are days in which amounts of rainfall recorded is 0.04ins or more, or 1.0 mm or more.

Wet Period - 1968 - 13th March to 25th March.
 - 1969 1st November to 31st December.
Dry Period - 1968 17th September to 31st October.
 - 1969 1st December to 31st December.

Heaviest Rainfall

- 1968 1.37 inches was recorded on 26th November,
- 1969 2.86 inches was recorded on 11th August.

The long term average is 60.00 inches per annum.

Number of days with 0.1 inches or more in 1968 - 191 days.
Number of days with 0.1 inches or more in 1969 - 114 days

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The arrangements for sewerage disposal in the Rural area are good.

No difficulty has been experienced in persuading owners of properties to connect their properties to the Council's sewers.

During the year properties were connected to the following village sewers : -

Bwlch	...	1
Llangorse	...	1
Defynog	...	3
Talybont	...	6
Sennybridge	...	2
Total :		<u>13</u>

These additional figures brought the total at the end of the year to 786 properties in the District connected to various sewers in the area.

Number of visits made by Public Health Inspectors to Sewage Works ... 53

Samples of Effluent

Samples are periodically taken by the Usk, Wye and West Wales River Authorities.

Septic Tank Emptying Service

The Council now own one Shelvoke and Drewry 1100 gallon capacity Cesspool Emptying machine and one Fulvac 460 gallon power operated trailer pump.

The acquisition of these vehicles has enabled the Council to provide a very efficient septic tank emptying service. All tanks are emptied, the contents of which are discharged either on to the Council's refuse disposal sites or on to fields when the weather permits. No charge is made for up to two emptyings in one year. Only in exceptional cases has it been found necessary to empty more than one a year.

As properties are being improved and modern sanitation provided in the more isolated areas, increased demands are being made for this service.

Some concern has been felt with the disposal works at the Mountain Centre which have been found to be inadequate at peak periods to deal with the enormous numbers of visitors to the Centre. The Authority concerned is giving attention to the matter in order to carry out adequate and effective remedial measures.

Visitors to the Centre is as follows : -

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of persons.</u>
1966	58,972
1967	129,967
1968	147,476
1969	170,820

Vehicles and Maintenance

Most of the maintenance and repair work to all Council vehicles is carried out at the Council's depot at the rear of Oxford House. Working conditions provided for the workmen are good.

Establishment

The 1969 establishment for Public Cleansing was as follows : -

- 1 General Foreman -Part-time (Shared with other duties)
- 2 Refuse Drivers/Loaders
- 3 Refuse Loaders
- 1 Cesspool Emptying Machine Driver
- 1 Cesspool Emptying Machine Driver's Mate
- 1 Sewage Plant Operator
- 1 Sewage Plant Operator's Mate
- 1 Rodent Operative.

Total : 11.

There has not been any changes in the staff. The payment of an additional 25/- per week (5/- per day - 5 day week) to those engaged on refuse collection and sewage maintenance has undoubtedly been an incentive to retain staff and reduce loss of man hours which otherwise would have taken place.

Public Convenience

There were five public conveniences in use during 1969 at Trecastle, Sennybridge, Storey Arms, Talybont and Llangorse and sites are being sought for additional ones at Llanfrynach and Llangorse.

Whilst damage occurs from time to time to the properties, the considerable vandalism which is experienced in many parts of the country, it is pleasing to note does not take place to your properties.

Added use is made of the conveniences from year to year and are very much appreciated by local residents and travellers alike.

Public Cleansing

The refuse collection service is carried out by the Council's workmen under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector/Surveyor. Refuse is collected once weekly throughout the whole area. The Council now maintain two dustless rear loading vehicles.

All litter is removed as frequently as is found necessary from the various County Council lay-byes and the cost incurred in connection therewith is re-imbursed by that authority.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. The provision of new disposal sites continues to create problems and new sites are continually being looked for.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by Mr.W.J.Rees, Chief Public Health Inspector and Mr.R.Taylor, Public Health Inspector.

Nuisances :

Number of complaints received	...	29
Number of complaints investigated	...	29
Number of premises inspected	...	29
Number of premises re-visited	...	4
Number of preliminary notices served	...	1
for(a) Structural defects	...	1
(b) sanitary defects	...	0
Number of statutory notices served	...	0

Verminous Premises (excluding rats and mice)

Number of premises inspected	...	0
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Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district

Licensed Premises

There are 27 Licensed premises in the district

Number of visits to such premises	...	34
Number of notices served	...	Nil.

Almost every premise is now provided with hot and cold water facilities in the bar, and both male and female sanitary accommodation.

CARAVAN SITES

There are four recognised camping sites in the district at Llangorse, Sennybridge and Llangasty. No new sites were approved during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The Rodent Operator works under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Number of premises inspected	...	80
Number of premises found infested	...	80
Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator	..	80
Number of premises treated by occupier	...	0

Sewers in the neighbourhood of infested houses were treated during the year. The work of rodent destruction on farms in the rural district is the responsibility of the Council.

Contracts can be entered into for the treatment of private premises at a cost of £5.

The Council also issue free poison bait for use by occupiers of business premises and instructions are given for its use and the usual precautions which must be taken in doing so.

HOUSING

On completion of the Rural district Housing Survey in 1954, it was evident after examining the categorisation that a realistic housing problem existed within the district. Since the introduction of the Slum Clearance Programme in 1954 the Council has been actively engaged in tackling the problem either : -

- (a) By official representations under the Housing Acts of 1936 and 1957.
- (b) By encouraging owners to carry out necessary repair and improvement work to sub-standard properties if it was deemed that these properties could be brought up to a standard at a realistic cost.

In the cost (a) it is gratifying to note that a considerable number of properties - even though formally represented have been converted, improved and repaired to provide adequate housing accommodation of the required standard.

A review of the efforts made to date and reported to the Council during the year indicated conclusively that a reasonable degree of success had been obtained.

The figures show that roughly 85% of the domestic dwellings categorised in Grade 5 have one way or another been successfully dealt with. Of the 58 outstanding properties that require attention approximately 10 are unoccupied and not likely to be occupied further unless improvement works are undertaken.

Even so there still remains the odd pocket where, to a lesser degree, the problem still exists. For example in the Parish of Llandefaelog Fach, although several cottages have been or are in the process of being improved, there are still 8 families living in category 5 accommodation.

No action was taken under the Rents Act of 1957 and 1968 as no application for Certificates or Cancellations of Certificates were received.

Number of houses built by the Council during the year	...	0
Number of houses built by private enterprise during year	...	12
Number of inspections made under the Housing Act	...	22
Number of Notices served	...	0
Number of houses in course of erection by the Council	...	12

HOUSING GRANTS

Consideration is being given to proposed changes in the law and in particular to increases in the amount of grant aid. These increases to meet higher costs in the building industry are long overdue.

Discretionary Grants

14 applications were received in respect of 14 properties, all of which were approved.

Total amount of grant authorised	£9,352.
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Standard Grants

6 applications were received in respect of 6 properties and were approved.

Maximum amount of grant authorised	£1,807.
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HOUSING ACT, 1967 and 1961

The district is being inspected regularly and when the occasion necessitates, representation is made to the Council with a view to : -

- (a) Serving of Notices requiring the execution of works, or
- (b) the making of demolition or closing orders

Demolition orders served	...	6
Undertakings accepted	...	10
Properties demolished	...	1
Closing Orders served	...	0
Properties closed	...	0

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

As in the case of factories, the act does not apply to premises where only self-employed persons work, nor where the number of hours worked by an employee amounts to 21 hours a week or less.

This is to exclude the small shop or office where help is only occasional.

Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector ... 35

Appropriate action was taken to see that the requirements of the Act are complied with.

Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises : -

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of Persons employed</u>
Offices	2
Retail Shops	4
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	-
Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	39
Fuel Storage Depots	-
Total :	<u>45</u>
Total Males : 19	Total Females : 26.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT

Number of registered slaughterhouses in the District ... 1

Number of inspections at the Slaughterhouse ... 26

Number of animals inspected :

Cattle	...	70	Sheep	...	164
Calves	...	1	Pigs	...	8

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part : -

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Numbers killed and inspected	70	1	164	8	0

All diseases excerpt Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis

Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
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Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	19	0	2	1	0
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Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than TB or Cysticercosis	27%	0	1.2%	12.5%	0
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Tuberculosis Only:

Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
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Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
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Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0
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Cysticercosis :

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
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Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0
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Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0
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FOOD CONDEMNED

As there were no facilities at the slaughterhouse at Llangorse for sterilisation of condemned meat in accordance with the regulations, all such meat is removed by the Inspectors and buried in one of the Council's refuse disposal sites after suitable staining.

MILK

The responsibility for registering dealers and taking milk samples is the County Council and is under the supervision and control of Mr. G.E.Bastin the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

There is very close liason between the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, the District Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry Veterinary Surgeons.

Milk Samples - Brucella Abortus

Number of samples of raw milk examined	...	45
Number of positive ring tests	...	3
Number of Animal Inoculations	...	2
Number positive	...	2

Following upon reports by the County Milk Sampling Officer of three positive ring tests in the bulk sample of milk from the herds of milk producers/retailers, further samples from each of the cows in the herds were taken and submitted for tests. The local Veterinary Surgeon also submitted blood samples for agglutination tests.

Two milk samples were found to be positive on animal inoculation and the owners were informed by Notice under pars 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, to refrain from selling raw milk without pre-heat treatment or by forwarding the bulk supply to a suitable milk depot for pasteurisation.

FOOD PREMISES

The number of food premises by type are shown below : -

Licensed premises	...	27
Cafes	...	6
Fish and Chip Shops	...	1
Butchers	...	2
Grocers and General Stores	...	13

On the whole it can be said that the general standard of hygiene was satisfactory. On no occasion was it necessary to serve a notice on any person engaged in the food trade.

There was no educational activity in connection with food in the district during the year, as the number of persons engaged in the food trade was not very great. As usual in the normal course of their duties, the Public Health Inspectors, in their discussions with persons in the food trade, emphasised the importance of the need for the highest standards of hygiene in the preparation and sale of foodstuffs to the public.

School Canteens

Visits were made to school canteens in the district. The attention of the Education Committee and the Schools Meals Organiser was drawn to the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following table sets out the number of food premises in the district which are inspected : -

	No. of Prems.	Complying with Reg.16.	Premises to which Reg.19 applies.	Premises complying with Regulations
Cafes	6	3	6	6
Bakehouses	0	0	0	0
Butchers Shops	2	1	2	2
Fishmongers/ Fish & Chip Shops	1	0	1	1
Food Factories	0	0	0	0
Grocers Shops & Other Foods	13	0	0	0
Greengrocers	0	0	0	0
Licensed Prems.	27	0	27	27
Total ;	49	4	36	36

Note - Regulation 16 refers to the provision of wash-hand basins and Regulation 19 to the provision of sinks together with the provision of hot and cold water for the equipment.

As most of the businesses are family ones, access to wash hand basins and sinks on the premises in their own private quarters is convenient and adequate.

FOOD CONDEMNED

Foodstuffs(other than meat) condemned during the year - Nil

SHOPS ACT

Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector - 76
Number of Notices served - 0

FOOD PREPARATION ROOM(including Bakehouses)

Number of inspections made - 48
Number of Notices served - 0

ICE CREAM PREMISES

Number of premises registered for sale of ice-cream - 14
Number of inspections made - 42
Number of samples taken for bacteriological examination - 42
Number of samples satisfactory - 38
Number of samples unsatisfactory - 1
Number of samples fair - 3

FRIED FISH SHOPS

There is only one fish and chip shop in the district

Number of inspections made - 6

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises in the district

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

PREMISES	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1	2	3	4	5
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, 6 are enforced by Local Authorities	3	5	0	0
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	16	0	0
(iii)Other Premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excluding) out-workers premises.	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	21	0	0

- 2.Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are found at the premises on two, three or more occasions they should be rereckoned as two,tree or more cases).

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To Referred by HM. Inspector		
1	2	3	4	5	6
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature (S3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation(S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable/defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not suitable for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	1	1	0	0	0
Total :	1	1	0	0	0

There was no out-work done in the district during the year.

